GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VIOLATION OF FOREST CONSERVATION ACT AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1972
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered for causing harm to forest and wildlife under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 during the last three years alongwith the areas where such cases have been registered;

(b) the number of persons found guilty; and

(c) the number of persons punished alongwith the type of punishment given to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) Forest Conservation Act, 1980 deals with the diversion of forest land for non forestry purposes in which prior approval of Government is necessary before any such diversion. In case of violation of the provisions of this Act, action is taken against the defaulting officials besides imposition of the condition of penal compensatory afforestation. During the last three years, the number of cases of violation under the said Act are as under:

S.No.	State/UT	No. of cases
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7
3	Assam	1
4	Bihar	1
5	Chhatisgarh	1
6	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1
7	Goa	3
8	Haryana	1
9	Himachal Pradesh	2
10	Jharkhand	2
11	Karnataka	2
12	Madhya Pradesh	1
13	Maharashtra	1
14	Orissa	2
15	Rajasthan	1
16	Sikkim	1
17	Tamil Nadu	1
18	Tripura	53
19	Uttar Pradesh	1
20	Uttranchal	13
	Total	96

As far as Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is concerned, the responsibility of the implementation of this Act rests with the State Governments which also includes registration of cases against the offenders and getting them punished. The data on such cases is not maintained by the Government.